

CHAPTER 1
SECTION 22.3

FUNCTIONAL CORTICAL MAPPING

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I. PROCEDURE CODE RANGE

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II. DESCRIPTION

Functional cortical mapping is carried out in patients in whom a surgical procedure has placed a subdural array of electrodes on the surface of the brain. The electrodes are stimulated on the brain surface to provoke seizures or identify vital cortex. This functional mapping allows the surgeon to determine the location of cortical neurologic functions, such as speech-related cortex.

III. POLICY

A. Functional cortical mapping in the treatment of intractable complex partial epileptic seizures may be considered for cost-sharing.

B. Other proven indications may be cost-shared.

IV. EXCLUSIONS

Topographic brain mapping as listed in the Unproven Devices, Medical Treatment and Procedures Policy.

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